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The article analyzes the dynamics of value transformations that have taken place in post-Maidan Ukraine in the context of the civil society evolution. The *problematic* or rather idealized image of a civil society has become a shibboleth of the post-Soviet social sciences. Civil society either is viewed as a sacral entity and an ultimate source of public good or is being reduced – in a conspiracy fashion – to a network of a foreign “agents of influence.” The preponderance of these mutually exclusive interpretations of a civil society makes a sober and realistic treatment of the phenomenon in question a rarity in social science discourse.

Most scholars agree that the civil society is a non-political entity which, at the same time, is highly relevant to political system and is a defining feature of modern democracy.

The article focuses on the impact of the Euromaidan movement as well as subsequent transformations in Ukraine since 2013 on the dynamics of Ukrainian populace values. The article examines how these values are compatible with and conducive to the development of civil society.

Drawing upon the data collected by the NAS Institute of Sociology we have grounds to claim that the personal significance of the following dimensions of the democratic development have grown: the ability to express oneself freely on the issues of politics without fearing / suffering repercussions; ability to criticize and influence decision making of authorities; participation in activities of political parties and NGOs, belief in a democracy as a prerequisite of human rights; belief in a democracy as a precondition of founding political parties and unions to protect citizens' rights and interests.

The civil society mobilization might become a factor in ameliorating the conflicts in Ukrainian society, peace building and promotions of the values of constitutional patriotism.

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